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www.cabq.gov/p2

Pollution Prevention (p2) Program

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**Controlling Roaches
In your Home**

Roach Control for Residents



***City of Albuquerque Bernalillo
Water Utility Authority's
Pollution Prevention (p2)
Program***



What you should know about Sewer Lines & Roaches

Roaches are creepy, they are crawly, and they are a fact. Roaches like dark, wet, places, for example under cabinets with leaking water or wood chips.

The Wastewater Utility Division provides an ongoing service to control cockroaches in the City's sanitary sewer system. The roach control service is **only for sanitary sewer lines**, and 34,000 manholes are treated regularly.

At present two crews provide service for the entire utility. Manholes are “painted” with an insecticide that is deadly to roaches. The insecticide infused paint lasts up to three years. If roaches persist then boric acid is used for spot treatment. Boric acid is very effective in killing cockroaches; it is not toxic to humans or animals.



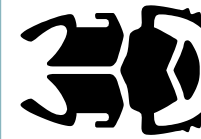
Roach Service

If you are experiencing a roach problem you can request this service, by calling the Cockroach Hotline at **873-7009**, or you may make an Online Cockroach Prevention Request at:

www.cabq.gov/wastewater/roachform.html

Messages left on the cockroach hotline are checked daily; due to the large number of requests received at certain times of the year, crews may not get to the area as quickly as they would like. The summer months of June through August, are the busiest, so please be patient.

When crews respond to requests, please allow a couple of weeks for Treatment. The crews will leave a green door hanger on a resident's doorknob verifying that the sewer has been treated.



This is a free service, but crews can **not** treat private resident's property, or treat water meter boxes.

Therefore, residents are urged to work with their own pest control company, and treat their property at the same time for maximum benefit. Please keep in mind when Roach Crews spray the collection system this **will not eradicate roaches at your residence**.

What can homeowners do to reduce roach infestations?

- Avoid using wood chips when possible
- Do not leave standing water
- Avoid leaving open food containers out
- Do not provide dark, damp places for roaches
- Work with your pest control company to eliminate roaches